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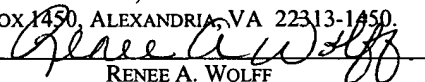
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2006. Please amend claim 3 as shown in the following listing of all pending claims. Please cancel claim 12. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims , 3-11, and 13-14, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.